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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 1 Percent in February

HARRISBURG, PA, Mar 25, 2011 --- Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during February 2011 totaled 98.3 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 1 percent from February 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 91.4 million pounds live weight, was up 7 percent from February 2010. Total head slaughtered was 74,800, up 10 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 37 pounds to 1,233 pounds. Veal production was 3.7 million pounds live weight, down 11 percent from a year ago. Calf slaughter, at 8,800 head, was down 9 percent, and average live weight decreased 11 pounds to 420 pounds. Pork production, at 56.7 million pounds live weight, was down 6 percent from a year earlier. Total head slaughtered was 215,800, down 6 percent from February of 2010. Average live weight was 263 pounds, up 1 pound from February of last year. Lamb and mutton production was 190,000 pounds live weight, up 7 percent. The number slaughtered was 1,900, up 6 percent from February of last year. The average live weight decreased 1 pound from February 2010 to 99 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for February totaled 3.81 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, up 2 percent from the 3.74 billion pounds produced in February 2010. Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.62 million head, up 3 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,286 pounds. Veal production, at 10.5 million pounds, was 2 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,800 head, down 7 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was 17 pounds above last year, at 264 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.51 million head, down 2 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was 7 pounds above the previous year, at 277 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 12 percent from February 2010. Sheep slaughtered totaled 155,100 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago.

January-February 2011 red meat production was 7.85 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton was down 12 percent.

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